# BEFORE

# THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

# **SOUTH CAROLINA**

# DOCKET NO. 2009-431-T - ORDER NO. 2009-782

# NOVEMBER 3, 2009

IN RE:	Application of Kenneth J. Landert d/b/a	)	ORDER APPOINTING
	Kountry Limo, 112 Lofty Ridge Road,	)	<b>HEARING OFFICER</b>
	Greenville, South Carolina 29609 (District 4)	)	
	for a Class C Charter Certificate of Public	)	
	Convenience and Necessity	)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on the Commission's Motion to appoint B. Randall Dong, Esquire, to serve as a hearing officer in the present docket regarding the Application of Kenneth J. Landert d/b/a Kountry Limo for a Class C Charter Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. This appointment is in order that the hearing officer may dispose of procedural and evidentiary matters pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-3-40 (Supp. 2008).

Section 58-3-40(C)(1) states that upon the request of any party or any commissioner, the commission may employ a hearing officer who may hear and determine procedural motions or other matters not determinative of the merits of the proceedings. Under (C)(2), the hearing officer has full authority, subject to being overruled by the Commission, to rule on questions concerning the conduct of the case and other matters. Under (C)(3), the officer must be an attorney qualified to practice in all courts of this State with a minimum of eight years' practice experience.

We find that B. Randall Dong meets these qualifications, and we therefore grant

the Motion appointing him as hearing officer in this case. As hearing officer in this

proceeding, we direct Mr. Dong to rule on appropriate matters in the case and dispose of

procedural and evidentiary matters for this proceeding.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. B. Randall Dong, Esquire, is hereby appointed as hearing officer in

Docket No. 2009-431-T regarding the Application of Kenneth J. Landert d/b/a Kountry

Limo for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for disposition of procedural

and evidentiary matters in this proceeding.

2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the

Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Elizabeth B. Fleming, Chairman

ATTEST:

John E. Howard, Vice Chairman

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